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BREAK IT.

The people of the entire state are waiting impatiently for the republican representatives elect to break the dead lock. The democratic legislators in both houses have now done all in their power to bring about an understanding that would lead to an honorable settlement of differences. They have proposed investigations in both senate and house to determine the titles to disputed seats. Their senators have taken the oath of office ready to organize the senate as soon as the republican representatives elect take their seats in the rightful house. They can go no further. The organization of the senate would be useless so long as two houses of representatives are seeking recognition from that body.

One house or the other must go. The solution of the deadlock hinges right there. The house which, like the senate, has responded to the governor's proclamation is the one that the senators must acknowledge as lawful. There is no escape from the logic of that situation.

The governor's message has gone to that house; it is a body with a quorum and organized in strict accordance with law. It is the duty of every good citizen to recognize its authority—every citizen, whether he is in private life or in another legislative body.

The most severe criticism of the president's message that we have seen is that of the New York Sun, which says: "For originality, grasp of public questions, sense of perspective in the statement of the condition of national affairs, Harrison's message compares unfavorably with the first message sent to congress by President Hayes. This is saying rather a severe thing, but it is strictly true. The weakest man who ever occupied the White house had more to offer congress in the way of information and suggestions, offered with more vigorous individuality of expression than the present chief executive of the United States can exhibit or command."

The esteemed Herald having recalled the fact that in a third of a century two or three petty democratic officers of the house of representatives have been guilty of peculation, concludes that this shows that it is safer to have the republicans in control of the house. Is it? Well, how about Speaker Blaine and the Little Rock bonds and Speaker Keifer, the national disgrace? The democrats have not had a dishonest man in the speaker's chair, at least.

The American Wool Reporter prints the names of 517 manufacturers who have signed petitions for free wool and 132 for ad valorem duties. The Reporter is not a free wool journal and its figures may be accepted as correctly indicating the drift of opinion among woolen manufacturers. The coming struggle of the conflicting interests before congress promises to be a mighty one.

EVERY one of the directors of the Board of Trade should attend to-morrow night's meeting. New life must be infused into this organization and the manifold advantages that Helena and the surrounding country offer to capital and immigration properly set before the world. A live, energetic, progressive Board of Trade would give Helena a big start on her destiny.

ONLY 378,000 immigrants arrived in this country for the first ten months of the current year as against nearly 500,000 in the same months of 1888. European newspapers are predicting that the tide of emigration to America will be checked and that the recent explorations in Africa before many years will draw great colonies thither.

The Montana theft is written of by a popular journal as "the identified maintenance of their slaves" by the republicans. That kind of dignity and that kind of resolution is to be found in every penitentiary in the United States.—Courier-Journal.

AND it was from one of those institutions that the republicans drew their prize worker in the cause of purity at the polls.

We trust Senator Plumb will not be led by any fear of being discourteous to the prospective Montana senators to refrain from pushing through the bill appropriating \$250,000 for a public building in Helena. The building is a great public necessity and we cannot get started on it too soon. Push it, Mr. Plumb.

The last state of the rumps is worse than the first. The governor's message has settled the question of recognition beyond further controversy.

Won't somebody please take the esteemed editors of the Helena Journal

END AND THE VETERANS.
The Best Soldier Should Be the Best Citizen."

Colonel Hulings post, No. 176, G. A. R., of Lewistown, Mifflin county, Pa., will hold a fair and festival beginning on Dec. 10. Some time ago letters were sent to several prominent men of the country, asking them to contribute something to be voted off at the fair. It was believed that the prominence or popularity of the contributors would give the article a value beyond their intrinsic worth in the eyes of the patrons of the fair, and cause active competition to secure them. The first to respond to these appeals was ex-President Cleveland. His letter in reply is given to the reader, and gave rise to some comment, and has even been misrepresented for partisan purposes to correct which, by permission of the writer, the full text of the letter is now given to the public. It reads as follows:

NEW YORK, Oct. 24, 1888.—E. W. FOSSE, Esq.—Dear Sir: Applications such as you make for the letter of the President are so numerous that it is impossible to comply with them all. You ask that Mrs. Cleveland or I shall contribute something to be "voted off" at the coming fair to be held by Post 176 of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Pennsylvania, and you state that the purpose of the fair is to increase funds for the disabled.

I do not know what your idea is as to the thing which we should send, and do not care to assume that anything which we might contribute to be "voted off" would be of especial value to the cause for which the fair is to be held. But it is so refreshing in these days, when the good that is done for the country is often prostituted to the worst purposes, to know that at least one person uses his efforts in making the agency a charitable institution, that I gladly send a small money contribution in aid of the object.

No one can deny that the Grand Army of the Republic has been played upon by demagogues for partisan purposes, and has yielded to many plausible arguments to such an extent that it is regarded by many good citizens whose patriotic and fair-mindedness is not to be questioned as an organization which has wandered a long way from its avowed design. Whether this idea is absolutely correct or not, such a sentiment not only exists, but will grow and spread unless within the organization something is done to correct it. Such objects are not partisan, but just and selfless.

In this country, where the success of our form of government depends upon the patriotism of our people, the best soldier should be the best citizen. Yours very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

SANDBAGGED, not bagged by Sanders, will be the epithet on the rump house.

BLAINE FOR 1892.

It will be pleasant for President Harrison to learn on the authority of that influential republican journal, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, that "James G. Blaine will be a candidate for the republican nomination in 1892." This is stated upon authority which, if it could be given, would be at once recognized as entitled to credence. For the past year Mr. Blaine's health has steadily improved. The secretary is now satisfied that there is no chronic ailment to stand in the way of his political plans. He feels that he is good for eight or ten years more of active life, and that he can safely look forward to a presidential term. Mr. Blaine has found that he is far better off in active public life than in retirement. He is pleased immensely with the change that has come upon him. The old languor and indifference have gone. The Blaine of to-day is the Blaine of six years ago in ambition and in hope. The secretary knows that his most intimate friends have begun to plan for 1892, and he does not forbid them. He listens and is interested. With the continuance of his present improved health he will be a candidate for the nomination. It is better to say he is now a candidate with only the usual contingency uncertainty of life."

It will be interesting to see how long Mr. Blaine stays in the cabinet with this sort of talk buzzing in Mr. Harrison's ears.

We fail to see just what Mr. Russell Harrison's organ gains by misrepresenting Gov. Treadwell and other people in regard to the governor's message, unless it was in the hope of getting a reputation for smartness, of which it has never been suspected. The governor a little before 6 o'clock on Tuesday, requested THE INDEPENDENT to give the Journal a copy of the message. Word was at once sent to the Journal from this office that proof slips would be furnished by THE INDEPENDENT as fast as the matter was put in type. Our compositors began work on the document at 7:30 p.m. At 8 o'clock the first column was in type and a proof ready for the Journal. The whole job was set up in THE INDEPENDENT office by 9:30 o'clock. The Journal could have had it ready half an hour later, six hours before it went to press. It did not avail itself of the governor's request and THE INDEPENDENT's offer, however, for reasons presumably satisfactory to itself.

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A good joke is told on Gen. Williams, who more than any other man in Washington, not excepting "my son Russell," deserves the honor of being classed a member of the kitchen cabinet. Williams was over in New York a week or two ago, and in the Fifth Avenue hotel met a number of friends. On introducing Williams to a stranger one of these friends said: "Gen. Williams is a very good man, but now chief of the president's kitchen cabinet." On hearing this, Williams said what warmly denied that he occupied any such relationship to the president, his old timidity getting the better of his vanity and pride. A moment later, however, some one asked Williams what he was doing in New York, and the general thoughtlessly replied: "Why, I am up here to see if I can find a new steward for the White house kitchen, Hugo Ziemann having offered his resignation."

To Work on Short Time.

READING, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Reading Railroad company to day posted notices to the miners and laborers in all the collieries throughout the Schuylkill region that they would be put on three-quarter time on and after next Monday, to continue indefinitely. Individual collieries also go on three-fourths time. The wages of 2,000 men and boys are affected.

CROSS-CUTS.

The man who combs his hair in the middle considers his part in life of some importance.—Burlington Hawkeye.

"I saw a curious freak of nature yesterday," "What was it?" "A Philadelphia man with insomnia!"—New York Sun.

The Edison Girl—"She has so much magnetism." "What was it?" "A Philadelphia man with insomnia!"—New York Sun.

The Edison Girl—"She has so much magnetism." "You bet, she has." Why, competing with that girl is one long electric spark."—New York Sun.

"I thought the president only appointed first-class postmasters?" "So he does."

"Then who the deuce appointed Wana-

maker?"—Life.

"We want a good name for our town."

"Yes. Something like 'Youngstown-on-Hudson' or 'Manchester-by-the-Sea,' eh?"

"Yes. How would 'Boonton-on-paper' do?"—Mansey's Weekly.

Stranger—What's the matter with your dog?

McGuffin—He can't eat anything.

Stranger—How's that?

McGuffin—Ain't nothin' fur him ter eat.—New York Press.

Teacher—Well, Albert, what does your father think of your promotion? (Albert whose father visited the school not long before)—He said, ma'am, if I kept on, it would not be long before I knew as much as the teacher.—New York Press.

Understood at Last—"I can really understand, madam," said the tramp, as he took the spotted, torn, moth-eaten trousers the kind woman had given him, "how it happens that it is more blessed to give than to receive. These trousers explain it all!"—Harper's Bazaar.

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It made the children laugh and play To see knowis wag his jaw.

"Oh, see the funny little trick!"

The children all did shout;

"It counts the losers in, begosh,

And knocks the winners out."

To Helena then Sanders went,

And cried aloud in glee;

"I have another little trick,

Which all straightway shall see!"

But when in Helena he'd played

A score or more of tricks,

He found he'd got himself into

A shoal of a fix.

—Anaconda Standard.

BARGAINS!

\$5000 Buys 12-Room House Near the Business Center.

\$6500 Buys New House that Cost Over \$7000.

\$1300 Buys New 5-Room House.

\$200 Buys Choice Lot Fronting Broadwater Hotel.

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Remember we are Agents for All the Choice Residence Properties on the West Side.

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The maiden fair will now prepare

To search for winter trimmings,

And when the snow doth fiercely blow.

She'll don her woollen liniments.

—Kearney Enterprise.

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The Piano Department is under the supervision of Prof. M. H. Hirschfield.

27 MAIN STREET.

A FEW

Sensible Thoughts to Buyers of Holiday Gifts. Do not buy Useless "Jim-cracks" for Holiday presents.

Sanders had a little trick. And everywhere that Sanders went, There'd be some monkey work.

The two made quite a team; Old Sanders did the monkeying, While Sanders laid the scheme.

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